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OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

IN CHARGE OF

MARY E. THORNTON

[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits for at least the remainder of the present year. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—ED.]

THE fifth annual convention of the Trained Nurses' Associated Alumnæ of the United States will be held in Chicago on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 1, 2, and 3, in the Lexington Hotel, corner of Twenty-second Street and Michigan Avenue.

Thursday, May 1.—Morning devoted to committee meetings, and at one P.M. the presentation of credentials and the payment of annual dues will be in order. Two-thirty P.M., session opened with prayer, followed by the address of welcome, with a response by the president. After report and announcements of Committee on Arrangements the meeting will be adjourned for an informal gathering of officers and delegates. At eight-thirty P.M. reception to delegates and visitors at St. Luke's Nurses' Home.

Friday, May 2.—Nine-thirty A.M., reports of committees, business, unfinished and new, after which the meeting will be adjourned for a luncheon to be served in the banquet-hall of the Lexington, the officers and delegates being the guests of the Alumnæ Association of the Illinois Training-School, the Mercy, Michael Reese, and St. Luke's Hospitals. During the afternoon the Committee on Entertainment will escort visitors to the various hospitals. Eight P.M., paper upon organization and legislation for graduate nurses. Discussions. Adjournment.

Saturday, May 3.—Nine-thirty A.M., open meeting for discussions upon suggested topics. Two P.M., paper and discussion upon preparatory instruction for nurses. Paper and discussion upon post-graduate work.

The Committee on Arrangements has been fortunate in securing accommodations for delegates at the Lexington Hotel, and by courtesy of the proprietor, Mr. George R. Ross, the use of a hall for the three days of the convention. Rooms may be had also at the following addresses: Miss Bourchier, 3040 Calumet Avenue; Miss Inness, 3000 Prairie Avenue.

Arrangements for a reduction in railway fares are being perfected, and we give here instructions for obtaining same, which should be impressed upon delegates. Tickets at full fare for the outgoing journey may be secured within three days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to the first day of the convention. Each purchaser of a ticket must ask the agent for a certificate—do not make the mistake of asking for a receipt. Certificates are not kept at all stations. If there should be none at the small station where your delegate is to board the train, instruct her to purchase a local ticket to the larger station, where she may

obtain through ticket and a certificate. In view of this contingency will be seen the wisdom of arranging for transportation two or three days in advance.

An agent of the railway company will be in attendance the afternoon of May 2 to validate certificates. No certificate can be validated except during the time the agent is at the convention hall, and unless the certificate is validated the holder is not entitled to any reduction on the return fare.

The committee will be glad to receive any propositions that may be presented by the Alumnæ Associations, and any information will be gladly supplied upon request by the secretary.

MARY E. THORNTON,
Secretary.

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF NURSES AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

"We, women of the United States, sincerely believing that the best good of our homes and nation will be advanced by our own greater unity of thought, sympathy, and purpose, and that an organized movement of women will best conserve the highest good of the family and the state, do hereby unite ourselves in a confederation of workers committed to the overthrow of all forms of ignorance and injustice, and to the application of the Golden Rule to society, custom, and law."

THE triennial of the National Council of Women of the United States met in Washington on February 19 to 25. The mornings were given to the business of the council; public meetings, at which the reports and papers from the different affiliated societies were read, were held each afternoon and evening.

The report of the American Federation of Nurses was read on Thursday afternoon by the president, Miss Nutting, and a paper entitled "The Entrance of the Nursing Profession into Reform and Preventive Work" was read on Thursday evening by Miss Linda Richards, the delegate of the federation. Both of these papers were received with marked cordiality and interest, and our delegates received a friendly welcome into the council. The council represents a great variety of organized work of one kind or another among women, and the "Council Idea" is that of a forum, where all may meet and make themselves and their purposes known. It is by no means essential to the "Council Idea" that all should hold the same views or follow the same path in their work; however, one great fundamental purpose is common to all,—viz., the purpose of building up and evolving some definite organized reform out of and from an unorganized society. The impression, as a whole, that one carried away was of foundation-walls being laid for some vast structure, the magnitude of which is as yet unrealized.

The "Council Idea" is new, but the plans for constructive and all-inclusive work as outlined by Mrs. Spencer, the retiring corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Sewall, honorary president, give most inspiring glimpses of the possibilities of a society in which all good forces strengthen one another for positive results.

Undoubtedly the international opportunities which this affiliation with the council gives us will appear to many as our especial privilege. As space does not allow a complete report of all the proceedings in one issue, more detailed accounts of the business transacted will be given from month to month. The new president elected is Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, of New York, a woman of wide influence, who will be a strong leader.

L. L. DOCK,
Secretary.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR NURSES

THERE has been mailed to every member of the Order of Spanish-American War Nurses a little booklet containing the constitution adopted at the first meeting in New York City, 1900, and the by-laws adopted at the second meeting in Buffalo, 1901, with a full list of members with addresses. With this was sent Dr. McGee's official report of the Buffalo meeting. These were sent to every one holding the badge of the order. Any members who have failed to receive their copy of the constitution, etc., may have a duplicate copy sent if they will notify the secretary, who will be glad also to have corrections as to addresses sent her. Address all letters to Mrs. Harriet Camp Loundsbery, secretary and treasurer Spanish-American War-Nurses, Charleston-on-Kanawha, W. Va.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

THE fourth regular meeting of the St. Luke's Hospital Alumnæ Association of New Bedford, Mass., was held in the hospital assembly-room on Monday, February 3, 1902, at four P.M., seven members being present.

A letter was read from Miss Nellie F. Cummings, resigning her position as vice-president and from all committees, and it was regretfully voted to accept this resignation. To fill vacancies, Miss Robbins was chosen as vice-president and Miss Jenney a member of the Committee on Resolutions. Also in the absence of Miss Mariner for the next few weeks, Miss Robbins was chosen secretary pro tem.

Four names were then presented for membership and were unanimously accepted as members of the association by a show of hands.

It had been expected that Dr. Stetson would address the meeting explaining the X-Ray and its use, but owing to an accident to the machine that morning this pleasure was necessarily postponed.

The fifth annual meeting was held on March 1. The members of the association and the pupil nurses had the pleasure of hearing Miss Linda Richards upon the subject of alumnæ organizations and their work. Miss Richards emphasized the necessity of each individual nurse bearing her share of the responsibility of the present situation in the nursing world. She advised every nurse to keep herself informed, by means of our excellent JOURNAL, of what is being done to place our profession upon a higher plane and widen the influence and usefulness of the trained nurse, and to add the weight of her individuality to every forward movement by means of the local and associated alumnæ. Miss Richards's earnest words and remarkable personality will prove, undoubtedly, an inspiration to all who heard her.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

THE quarterly meeting of the Alumnæ Association of the Rochester Homœopathic Hospital was held in Miss Allerton's house on the hospital grounds February 4, 1902.

Miss Julia Bailey, delegate to the New York State meeting, gave an interesting report, and Miss Reine Cone was elected delegate to the Albany meeting. It was voted to send a notice of each meeting to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. A motion was made and carried that members of the Alumnæ Association should not appear on the street in uniform. It was suggested that some-

thing be done to make the meetings more interesting, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for a course in parliamentary law.

After the business light refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

BROOKLYN

THE regular meeting of the Brooklyn Hospital Alumnæ was held on March 4. The president was in the chair and seventeen members were present, among them two graduates from out of town, Mrs. J. H. Campbell and Miss M. A. Brown. One new member was admitted. Mrs. Henbach was elected as delegate to the Associated Alumnæ Convention. Miss Palmer had been invited to address the association, but owing to a previous engagement was unable to come. It is hoped that it is only a pleasure postponed.

BALTIMORE—MARYLAND HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL

THERE was a special meeting of the Alumnæ Association on Monday, February 24.

After arranging some old business, the subject of a down-town directory was taken up, and after some pretty hard work matters were successfully arranged for a directory at the Maryland Homœopathic Pharmacy, 310 North Howard Street. All graduates of a homœopathic hospital in good professional standing are invited to use this directory. The presentation of their diplomas is necessary. The fee is one dollar a year.

Miss Albaugh, the late president, has for some time been in New Haven, Conn., as superintendent of Grace Hospital. She was formerly superintendent of the Barnard Sanatorium of this city, but resigned that position to take her present field of work.

We also must record with sorrow death's first invasion of our little body. On February 17 Miss K. V. Forrester, Class of 1899, and a member of the alumnæ, died of nephritis at the hospital.

ALLEGHENY

VERY little has been accomplished by the association the last few months, illness has visited so many of our members. Miss Trimble, Miss Bradford, Miss Mitchell, and Miss Loker have been seriously ill, but are now recovering, and it is hoped the society may soon muster its forces and work with renewed vigor after its enforced idleness.

Miss Roxana Braine was married on January 20 to Mr. William Pinches, of Tarentum, Pa.

BOSTON—NEW ENGLAND HOSPITAL

THE January meeting of the alumnæ was held as usual at the hospital on the second Saturday of the month. Miss Isabella R. Hall entertained those present with an original paper upon "The Feeding of Infants." At the February meeting the alumnæ listened to a vivid description of work as a pioneer district nurse in the city of Salem by Miss Grace Robinson.

BOSTON

THE regular monthly meeting of the Alumnæ Association of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School for Nurses was held on February 25 at the Thayer Library, Miss M. E. P. Davis, president, in the chair. The roll-call showed thirty-eight members present.

A letter from Miss Kleonike Klonare, from Athens, Greece, was read by Miss Anderson and listened to with much pleasure by the association.

The chairman of the Committee on Parliamentary Law gave a full report from that committee, stating that a course of study under the supervision of Mrs. Shattuck was now in progress, meetings being held at the rooms of the Boston Nurses' Club.

The following named were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to the Associated Alumnæ meetings to be held in Chicago in May: Miss Martha Parker, Miss Alice O. Tippett, and Miss Annabel McCrae.

It was voted that the meetings of the alumnæ be held in the Library in future instead of in the Gymnasium, and that the extra work for the maid contingent upon this change be paid for by the association at a cost not to exceed one dollar per meeting.

Miss Sophia F. Palmer, editor of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, then addressed her associates of the alumnæ on the subject of "State Organization."

The members listened with much pleasure to Miss Palmer's address, and it was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be given her for the exceedingly interesting manner in which she has brought this subject before them.

The meeting then adjourned to the Gymnasium for a social half-hour.

HARTFORD

AT the meeting of the Hartford Alumnæ, held on February 1, Miss Linda Richards, superintendent of nurses at the State Hospital in Taunton, gave an interesting talk on "The Nursing of the Insane."

TORONTO

THE monthly meeting of the Toronto General Hospital Alumnæ Association was held at the hospital on Tuesday, March 11, at three P.M., the president, Mrs. Pafford, in the chair.

It was decided to add a clause to the constitution to the effect that any nurse may, by paying the sum of twenty-five dollars, become a life member of the association. The sum of one hundred dollars was voted from the alumnæ treasury towards the sick-benefit fund. It having been proposed to hold a bazaar, to raise money for the fund, a good deal of discussion ensued as to the best method of carrying out the plan. It was decided to leave definite arrangements till a future meeting.

The nurses were glad to have present with them Miss Ella Thorne, Class of 1894, who has had charge of a hospital in Sudbury, but who is on her way to Mexico to be superintendent in the hospital at Mapimi.

SAGINAW GENERAL HOSPITAL

THE nurses of the Saginaw General Hospital School met on March 5 and organized an alumnæ association with twelve charter members.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Annie M. Holcomb; first vice-president, Miss Marion Murray; second vice-president, Mrs. Ellen Cummings; secretary, Miss Blanche Post; treasurer, Miss Matie McMann; Board of Directors—Mrs. Thos. Oliver, Mrs. Longstreet, and Miss Marie Firchan.

The meetings are to be held the first Wednesday in each month.

MT. SINAI ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION

THE regular monthly meeting of the Mount Sinai Alumnæ Association was held at 149 East Sixty-seventh Street, March 6.

No business was transacted, but an instructive lecture by Miss Jean Campbell was given on her recent trip around the world. Miss Campbell has been asked to give her lecture upon Australia in the near future. After the lecture tea was served.

HOSPITAL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SYRACUSE, N. Y.

AT the regular meeting, held February 27, 1902, twenty-one nurses were present. The report of the committee on the furnishings of the alumnæ room, advising the expenditure of one hundred and seventy dollars for such furnishings, was accepted (one hundred dollars has already been paid for this object). The Sick Committee presented a bill for flowers sent to one of the members during illness. The Committee on Nurses' Home reported progress, but no definite conclusion. The report of the New York State Nurses' Association was given by Miss Gardner. Duets on the guitar and zither were rendered by friends. Light refreshments were served. Meeting adjourning at five o'clock.

NEW YORK STATE MEETING

THE annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association will be held in Albany on the third Tuesday in April (the 15th), 1902. Due notice of the place and time of meeting will be sent by mail to the members.

ELIZABETH C. SANFORD,
Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA

A STATED meeting of the Protestant Episcopal Hospital Alumnæ was held March 4 in the Church House, Twelfth and Walnut Streets, the president in the chair.

A motion was made to have quarterly social meetings at the hospital, but was laid upon the table. The secretary will send a copy of the amendments to the constitution to each member before the annual meeting in June. A letter from Miss Thornton, secretary of Associated Alumnæ, stating that we were eligible for full membership in that society, was read and acted upon.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Philadelphia County Nurses' Association was held at the College of Physicians on Wednesday, March 12, 1902, at three P.M.

It was moved and carried that the Philadelphia County Nurses' Association extend an invitation to the Associated Alumnæ to hold their next meeting, 1903, in Philadelphia.

As there seems to be some misinterpretation among graduates and alumnæ associations not already belonging to the Philadelphia County Nurses' Association, the eligibility clause governing admission is now given.

By-Laws, Article 1, Clause 1:

"Active members shall include women who have graduated from training-schools for nurses connected with general hospitals in the county of Philadelphia containing not less than fifty beds, and giving not less than a two-years' course in the wards of the hospital, or whose experience, gained by post-graduate or other additional nursing work, shall be considered an equivalent; also of women who have graduated from other recognized training-schools, and who have been resident in the county of Philadelphia for at least one year."

Application blanks for membership can be obtained from the secretary, Mrs. M. G. Anders, 1836 Wallace Street, Philadelphia.

N. M. Casey,
M. G. Anders,
M. Lewis,
Publication Committee.

BUFFALO

Misses Cox and Flickinger entertained the Erie County Hospital Alumnæ Association at its regular meeting on March 5.

In the absence of the president Miss E. J. Keating presided. One new member, Miss Harriet Hagle, was received into the association. A report of the Committee on Parliamentary Law was considered, and it was decided that the association would begin this study in the spring.

Miss Damer, president of the Trained Nurses' Associated Alumnæ of the United States, was present and suggested that the association send a delegate to the National Convention to be held in May. Miss Jennie M. Cox was accordingly appointed delegate. After adjournment refreshments were served, the table being decorated in pink and white, the colors of the Training-School.

CLEVELAND

At a meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Cleveland, held at Lakeside Hospital on Tuesday, February 25, a paper was read by Dr. George D. Upton on "Surgical Emergencies." The paper was followed by a discussion.

The question of instituting a fund for sick nurses was brought up, and a committee of three appointed to consider ways and means.

ILLINOIS—ST. LUKE'S, CHICAGO

St. Luke's Alumnæ Association of Chicago has appointed Mrs. Marie L. Cuthbertson and Miss Emma Dawson as delegates, and Miss Anne Louise Pearse and Miss Wilfreda Brockway alternates, to the convention of the Trained Nurses' Associated Alumnæ of the United States, to be held in Chicago May 1, 2, and 3.

ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS TRAINING-SCHOOL

THE monthly meetings of the association, resumed in September, have maintained a good attendance, averaging about thirty-five. The initial meeting, necessarily devoted to business, was followed in October by reports from delegates and other members on the Buffalo meetings. Miss Amy Hughes, of England, was present on this occasion and addressed the nurses. The November meeting, devoted to "Typhoid," with special reference to new or unusual features in type, complication, or treatment, was most interesting and helpful, and brought forth most animated discussion. No less interesting was the December meeting and "thimble-bee," when "Infantile Disorders" were being discussed while fingers were busy tying small comforts for the Hull House Crèche. An informal tea, given by our "house-mother," Mrs. Sanders, completed this afternoon.

The meetings of January, February, and March have been devoted to parliamentary law under the guidance of Mrs. John D. Sherman, who has been a most delightful and inspiring instructor. The work for the year closes with two lessons on points in domestic science, given by Miss Lutz, one of our members, who is a graduate of the Domestic Science Department of Lewis Institute. Last on the programme is the annual banquet in May, a glorious family reunion that all plan to attend.

Our membership shows a considerable increase, and all work has been planned with a view to enlist as many new recruits as possible. The alumnæ publication, a monthly, continues to combine most interestingly the secretary's minutes, papers on pertinent topics, points from the medical journals (contributed by Dr. Gardner, Class of 1892), and from THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, together with all available news-items.

NURSES TO BE SANITARY INSPECTORS

THE Common Council of Buffalo, N. Y., have passed an ordinance by which the nurses engaged in district work are made Sanitary Inspectors to serve without compensation. These nurses are known in the Buffalo Nurses' Association as the Sanitary Aid Committee. They have power to inspect tenement-houses, and will interest themselves in the work of the Consumers' League. The women upon whom this honor has been conferred are Miss Annie Damer, Miss Anna Dean, Miss Alice Myers, Miss Adalaide Colegrove, and Miss Agnes S. Dill.

BACK NUMBERS WANTED

ANYONE having copies of the July and October, 1901, numbers of the JOURNAL that they wish to dispose of will please communicate with the editor.

MARRIED

IN Buffalo, March 13, Miss Madeline E. Ross, graduate of the City Hospital Training-School, Rochester, N. Y., to Mr. Frank T. Ellison. Mr. and Mrs. Ellison will live in Rochester.

ON March 12, at Arening, Ont., Miss Allison Carruthers, Class of 1897, Erie County Hospital, Buffalo, to Mr. Alexander Spencer, of Battleford, N. W. T.

BIRTH

On February 28, to Dr. and Mrs. Hunter Robb, of Cleveland, O., a son.

OBITUARY

The following resolutions upon the death of Mrs. Anna M. Kind, of the Class of 1897, Protestant Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, were adopted by the Alumnæ Association at the meeting March 4:

"Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst an esteemed member of our association.

"*Resolved,* That in her death the association has lost a highly esteemed member and the nursing profession a faithful worker.

"*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be extended with our deepest sympathy to her son, and that a copy be sent to The American Journal of Nursing and a record of same be made upon the minutes of the society.

"G. A. Kitchen,
"L. K. Free,
"S. M. Mutchler,
"Committee."

At the meeting of St. Luke's Alumnæ Association, held February 3, the following resolutions were adopted, Mrs. Emma Baker Newcome being a member of the association and Dr. Newcome having been connected with St. Luke's Hospital at one time:

"Whereas, It has pleased God in His all-wise but mysterious providence to remove Dr. Scott C. Newcome from a life of activity and usefulness to His eternal rest; and

"Whereas, We realize that we have been deprived of a friend and fellow-worker for suffering humanity, one whose energy and devotion to his profession were an inspiration to us, and whose death is deeply felt among his many friends; therefore be it

"*Resolved,* That we, the Alumnæ Association of the St. Luke's Hospital Training-School for Nurses, New Bedford, Mass., hereby express our sincere sympathy to his widow and family in their sorrow, assuring them that we feel ourselves sharers in their great loss; and be it further

"*Resolved,* That these resolutions be written in the records of our association, that a copy be presented to the bereaved widow, and that a copy be sent to the leading Walpole paper.

Signed, "Evelyn F. Robbins,
"Mary M. Jenney,
"Hannah P. Lawrence,
"Committee."

"Whereas, The members of the Alumnæ Association of the Training-School of the Maryland Homœopathic Hospital have learned with sincere regret and sorrow of the decease of their classmate and member, Miss Forrester;

"Whereas, The members of the association deem it proper that action should be taken in regard thereto; therefore be it

"*Resolved,* That in the decease of Miss Forrester the members have lost one who has always shown loyalty, love, and devotion for her work, endearing her-

self to fellow-nurses, patients, and friends alike, and by her unselfishness and sweet disposition making all love her with whom she came in contact.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family and be entered upon the minutes of the association.

"ALICE TREGISE,
"Secretary."

As through the wisdom of an all-wise Ruler there has gone from our number a dearly loved sister nurse, be it

Resolved, That to the father, to the mother, and to the brothers, we, the Nurses' Alumnæ of the Allegheny General Hospital, extend our sincerest sympathy and love, trusting that in the lonely hour there shall come to them a knowledge of the Presence which lightens every burden and soothes every grief. Then, too, may they look Beyond, realizing that in the Home not made with hands there shall be no sorrow, and all tears shall be wiped away.

As we, the Nurses' Alumnæ of the Allegheny General Hospital, consign to our records our expressions of sincerest love for our sister nurse and our deepest sorrow at her death, be it

Resolved, That there, too, shall be found the highest tributes to her noble character which we, as Christian women, can lay before the shrine, and that we cherish as a stimulus in our own character building the memory of her unswerving loyalty to duty and her faith in the One she loved to honor.

FLORA LINWOOD BRADFORD,
K. ESTELLE LOHR,
A. MARY BLACK,
Committee.

AT the Auburn City Hospital, on February 16, Mrs. Myra Swain Heffeman.

Mrs. Heffeman was a member of the Class of 1887 of the Buffalo General Hospital. She was the superintendent of the Auburn City Hospital from the year of her graduation until her marriage in 1892, where she organized the Training-School, and during the last years of her life she was engaged in private nursing.

AT the regular monthly meeting of The Trained Nurses' Association of Denver, Col., the following resolutions, prepared by a committee, were adopted:

"WHEREAS, The distinguished and talented physician, Dr. J. T. Eskridge, having recently passed to the Great Beyond:

"*Resolved*, That the members of The Trained Nurses' Association have thereby met with an irreparable loss. He was teacher, counsellor, and friend of the whole nursing profession. It was through his personal encouragement that this association was organized in this city, and he ever stood ready to assist in any measure that looked towards the elevation of the standard of professional nursing. Each member of the association desires to express her deep sense of regret and the realization of the great loss the scientific world has sustained.

"Our sympathy is extended to his wife and friends in their great bereavement."

"WHEREAS, The distinguished and talented surgeon, Dr. Clayton Parkhill, having recently passed to the Great Beyond:

"*Resolved*, That the members of The Trained Nurses' Association bear humble tribute to his memory by expressing their gratitude for his ready in-

terest in all matters that concerned the nursing profession. By his incomparable work as a surgeon he inspired every assistant with a desire to do her utmost in helping to bring about the best results.

"Each member of the association desires to express her deep sense of regret and the realization of the great loss to the surgical profession.

"Our sympathy is extended most sincerely to his wife and children in their great bereavement.

"WINIFRED A. DONALDSON,
"MARY J. KOBER,
"MIRIAM G. VAN GORDER,
"Committee."